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Homecoming Queen Debbie Allen, escorted by Dave Marconi, smiles as she prepares to receive her crown. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.

Mechanical Newcomers Invade Redskin Halls

Conrad welcomed three mechanical newcomers to its halls this month—two coke machines and a new fire-alarm system. These are only two examples of new additions and improvements invading Redskin territory this month.

Two coke machines have been installed in the main cafeteria. The coke machines are in operation during study halls and after school. Mr. Smith said machine operation is restricted during the lunches to avoid competition with the cafeteria.

Varsity "C" originated the idea for coke machines, according to Mr.

Smith. They are responsible for its care and in charge of the money.

Work has begun on the installation of an entirely new fire-alarm system. The present system, which has been in operation since 1935, no longer provides adequate bell coverage for all parts of the building.

Board-approved lavatory renovations are due to get underway soon. These renovations will involve the boys' and girls' lavatories in the original part of the building.

The six original tennis courts are awaiting resurfacing. Plans have also been made for the court posts to be replaced.

Junior Linda Cronshaw Wins \$200 in Candy Sale

Junior Linda Cronshaw won the top prize of \$200 in the band's annual all-school candy sale. She accomplished this by selling \$798 worth of Betsy Ross candy bars.

Junior Pam Wood won second prize, a portable television. Other winners include: sophomore Paul Socorso, radio; junior Linda Robinson, portable record player; and

sophomore Susan Duvall, instamatic camera.

Winner of the \$50 drawing was senior Ellen Haden. Other prizes were awarded to Mark Schoenberg, Glen Fleming, Jim Farley, Kathy Kraszewski, Sandy Patton, Linda Casey, Marylee Doyle, Carol Cummings, William Roberts, Gwen Ross, Cheryl Jones, and Lindy Doochack.

Independent-Study Program To Amend Trial Structure

"Conrad's new senior advanced science course hasn't worked out as well as I thought it would," said Assistant Principal Louis Ott, program coordinator along with Mr. Hugh Patterson, physics teacher.

The course was originally planned as a regular advanced science class for students who had already passed physics, chemistry, and biology. Plans were for Mr. Patterson to be course instructor.

"However, it turned out that Mr. Patterson had a full schedule for the coming year and would not be able to teach the class," Mr. Ott explained.

"Based on what Mr. Edward Malin, chemistry teacher, had observed at a high school in Forest Hills, New York," Mr. Ott said, "we decided to turn the course into an independent studies program, wherein a student would do individual research work and report weekly to a specific teacher."

"But I think most of the students in senior advanced science would rather have a regular classroom-type course," Mr. Ott continued, pointing out that most of them have not proven so far that they are capable of working under an independent-study system.

"For instance, the students were supposed to decide over the

summer on a specific scientific area in which they would like to work," he said, "but, at this point, only two of the six students in the course are certain about the areas they will be working in. In a course like this one, we must have students who are ready for responsibility, and only time will tell if these six will succeed."

The six students enrolled in the course (11 originally signed up) are seniors Keith Irwin, Kevin Casey, Paul Baker, John Shaw, Paul Luoma, and Gordon Gawronski.

Regarding his opinion on the course, Kevin Casey said, "I think the program is valuable, because it makes for a more college-like atmosphere, without a teacher always looking over your shoulder. Also, it gives the student more responsibility."

However, Gordon Gawronski thinks the course would be improved "if teacher control were a little tighter." "I think somebody should constantly stay behind the students," he said, "to make sure they're really doing something."

"The course will have to be much more structured next year," said Mr. Ott. "I'm against it," he continued, "but it looks as if you can't get by without it. For example,

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'Miracle Worker' To Open Tonight In Conrad Auditorium

Inspirational light in a world of darkness will keynote "The Miracle Worker" tonight at 8:00 in Cumming's Auditorium.

Based on the life of Helen Keller, the play revolves around a deaf, mute, and blind girl's awakening to the world of communication.

The part of Helen will be portrayed by the blind junior Jo Anne Cox, while the role of her teacher Annie will be filled by senior Melinda Neal.

"Every play in which I have been involved has been a rewarding experience for me," Melinda said. "However, this one has had a heightening effect upon all of us due to Jo Anne's presence."

"Instead of being a handicap, Jo Anne has been a unifying force to the cast," said student director Kathy Price.

At a rehearsal in late October, Jo Anne said she was well pleased with the progress of the play thus far. Classifying Mr. Morgan as a fine director, she said, "I'm very grateful for his criticism, it allows me to improve my characterization."

At the time of the interview, the set had not yet been completed. A major prop, the stairs, was missing. This naturally posed a problem for Jo Anne.

"I have to chase a dog down the stairs, but we can't rehearse that

scene until they've been built," Jo Anne said. "This is the only on-stage movement that worries me. I don't have any fears about the others, because I realize that none of the cast members would allow me to hurt myself."

Her cohort in the scene, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, appeared not to be worried. This will be his first performance, and he shows no signs of stage-fright.

The dog Rebel, owned by junior Michael Denning, proved his loyalty to his master during play rehearsals. When Mr. Morgan tried to coax Rebel into position, Rebel stood firm. Pulling harder, Mr. Morgan jerked both leash and collar from the dog's neck. The freed star immediately bounded off stage directly to Michael.

Later during that same rehearsal, Rebel learned his part. Under the direction of his master, he took his place on-stage along with his fellow actors.

Despite some usual as well as unusual production problems, "The Miracle Worker" should prove to be a worthwhile experience for all those who attend.

Tickets went on sale last Monday and will continue to be sold the remainder of today for the price of \$1. At the door tonight and tomorrow night they will be \$1.50 each.



Seniors Melinda Neal and Reese Robinson rehearse "Miracle Worker" scene. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 2	Early Dismissal
	PTA Meeting
Dec. 24-31	Christmas Recess
Jan 1-3	New Year's Recess
Jan. 13	Early Dismissal
Feb. 3	PTA Meeting
Feb. 10	Early Dismissal
Feb. 22	Mid-Winter Holiday
Mar. 3	Early Dismissal
Mar. 17	Inservice Day (Students not in school)
April 9-18	Easter Recess
April 21	Early Dismissal
May 5	Early Dismissal
	PTA Meeting
May 31	Memorial Day
June 16	Inservice Day
June 17	Last Day of School

Classrooms Open For PTA Meeting

"Visitation night" will mark the first meeting of PTA. Parent-teacher classes and a social hour will comprise the December 2 meeting.

This year's PTA officers are Mr. William Pendleton, president; Mr. Ray Graham, first vice president; Mr. Hugh Patterson, second vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth McCallister, secretary; and Mrs. Sandy Stabnau, treasurer.

PTA's main project is the scholarship fund, which donates \$900 to a college-bound senior. This scholarship is available to any senior, regardless of what college he is planning to attend.

Money for the scholarship fund is obtained through patrons. All who donate will have their names printed on the graduation programs.

Visitation night will give parents the opportunity to talk with teachers about students' first marking period progress.

Social Studies Department To Start Experimentation

Conrad's social studies department will soon begin an experiment with a new-approach history course. Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey and Mr. George Poole, social studies teachers, are bringing this program to Conrad in cooperation with the University of Delaware and Amherst College.

Mrs. Mabrey and Mr. Poole are currently working with other high school teachers in Newark to develop possible new curricula.

Mrs. Mabrey teaches two history classes and travels to Newark after first lunch. Mr. Poole teaches four history classes and also leaves

during or after first lunch.

The Amherst-Delaware program is a government-sponsored project based on work by a group from Amherst College. The group's purpose is to develop new methods of teaching social studies. They are more interested in the method than in the material presented.

"We'd like to put the student in the place of the historian," said Mr. Poole. "This way the student can go through the material and come to his own conclusions."

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Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey and Mr. George Poole start daily trip to Newark for work on new social studies program. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

Conference Acts Properly

In a recent issue of *The Yellowjacket Buzz*, Newark High's student government president Chuck Lewis decried the Blue Hen Conference's penalization of the school's football team for opening practice a day early. Calling the conference's actions dishonorable, he said they were the result of a plot to "get back" at Newark because of their domination on the athletic fields.

According to Article V, Section I, of the Blue Hen Conference by-laws, "The Conference subscribes to the rules of the Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association."

Rule 20 of the Association's by-laws states that "practice for any fall sport shall not begin earlier than August 25."

Article VI, Section I, of the conference by-laws states "any school proved guilty of violating the above rule (on out-of-season practice) shall receive no recognition in conference standings of the particular sport for the first offense."

We agree with many observers around the state who believe that the latter rule is greatly unfair, and that it penalizes the players and students for a violation not of their making.

But the fact remains that the rule was there, in black-and-white, on August 25, and Newark, in admitting their error, was "proved guilty." Therefore, we do not think the Blue Hen Conference showed any "dishonor" in enforcing a rule as it was written.

Yearbook Needs Support

The size and quality of the 1971 Conradian depend on the number of subscriptions sold and the number of patrons. These totals will be determined by students.

Yearbook's dependence on subscription and patron sales comes as a result of a no-advertising decision made earlier this year. In past years yearbook had come to rely financially on advertising.

Yearbooks are considered to be priceless items, which cost students here at Conrad a nominal fee of \$6.50. The price a student pays does not cover the expenses of one yearbook. Because of this, other sources must be found to supplement money from sales.

We are calling upon Conradians to register their support by either subscribing or becoming a yearbook patron.

Through student support each Conradian has the opportunity to take an individual share in making this yearbook the biggest and finest in Conrad history.

Is Giving Thanks Easy?

Setting each home afloat with thanks, Thanksgiving is that time of year when we can all comfortably sit back and think rosy thoughts to brainwash ourselves that all is not lost.

We of the *Smoke Signal* want to deviate from the cranberry-and-pumpkin-pie writings which prescribe one tablespoon of thanks on a particular November Thursday.

Stepping off the turkey-day soap box, we are all well aware that life supports many things not meriting thanksgiving.

If we examine both the areas deserving and not deserving our thanks this November 26, we'll be able to see where we, as individuals, fit in.

We predict that finding relationships involving ourselves and situations meriting no thanks will be easy. The real challenge will come in locating thank-you areas in which we play some part.



'Libbers' March On

Draftswomen Stand Strong

by Lauren Russell

As it has affected all society the Women's Liberation Movement has affected Conrad proportionately.

Women have demanded day-care centers for children of working mothers, liberalized abortion laws, and equal job opportunities; and these demands are the topics of hot debate across the nation as they are brought under consideration.

Here at Conrad we women have been appeased in a somewhat different way.

For the seventh consecutive year Conrad has provided an all-girl drafting class for those "libbers" potentially interested in the subject.

But even several members of this class have their doubts about the future should Women's Lib become a reality.

"I'm kind of split on the subject," remarks senior Vickie Haggerty. "Sure I'm in favor of equal job opportunities for women, but I don't like the idea of carrying an M-16. I think most of these women's lib people want to take only the advantages of more freedom without the responsibility that goes along with it."

Valuables Plead For Lost Owners

by Janet Lyons

Conditions in our lost and found department are hopeless. Take it from me, a long-time resident of that crowded drawer.

I was lying around George's wrist when I felt my strap breaking. I couldn't hold myself together any longer. Then, plunk! I fell on the floor.

When I awoke I found myself in a dark corner of a drawer. A book and a jacket came towards me. "Hi. Welcome to the gang, or—the drawer of unwanted belongings."

"But isn't this the lost and found?" I asked. "George wants me. He will claim me soon."

But he didn't. Every time Mr. Smith opened the drawer, I waited patiently, but it was only more unlucky belongings joining us.

The next time Mr. Smith opened the drawer, I spoke to him, "Why don't our owners claim us?"

He looked at me sadly and answered, "I have tried to get these textbooks back to their owners, but many people don't even realize they have lost them, or there is no name on the inside cover. If students would only check in the main office for their lost books, they would save themselves some money."

Well, I am a very lucky watch, because George finally claimed me. But what about all those other unhappy books, glasses, and coats? Please go to the main office and claim them. They are very lonely.

Who Said Pilgrims Were Leaders of Harvest Feast?

by Janice Armento

Many Conradians as well as many Americans believe that Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated ever since the Pilgrims. Research, however, contradicts this assumption.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln declared November 26 a national harvest festival. From that time on the President and the governor of each state has proclaimed Thanksgiving an annual holiday. (It is also held in Canada).

Harvest celebrations are as old as civilization, but the first Thanksgiving is attributed to the Pilgrims. It did not become an annual celebration for more than two centuries



Sophomore Peggy Cael (front) works while sophomore Vicky Lane (left) compares drawings with junior Jacque Carr. Photo by Laurie Russell.

Drafting instructor Mr. Earl Reist supports the movement emphatically. He is anxious for his wife to get a job and adds, "then I can sit home all day while my wife spends her day in the office."

Junior Susan Cross likes things

just as they are. "I'd like to become a drafts woman," comments Susan, "and I don't anticipate any problems just because I'm a girl. But the minute my salary is affected—that's when I'll get out my old T-square and start demanding my rights."

Red, White And Blue Raises Controversy

by James Broomall

The American flag was once an emblem of the unity within the United States. It represented the virtue of America and was shown proudly and without regard to political philosophy. It served as a common bond for a heterogeneous population.

Today some blow their nose on it, set it afire, or wear it to patch the seat of their trousers. Others, in defensive response, wave it frantically, crack skulls in its defense, and fly it from cars, trucks, and antennas.

The stars and stripes has transformed into a symbol of America's disunity.

I asked some Delawareans, "What does the American flag mean to you?" The responses varied greatly and were indicative of the deep division within the United States today.

A Mt. Pleasant high school youth said, "To me nothing is sacred, let alone a piece of cloth. The flag is a fetish to some people." he added.

Conversely another student said, "It represents all the blood Americans spilled defending our way of life, and because of this I feel that those who desecrate it should be punished severely."

In each instance, students spoke for some segment of today's youth. Many of those who wear the red, white, and blue do so not out of disrespect, but because it is considered

stylish. As one girl told me, "I like the colors and I think flag shirts are a great put-on; I'm not trying to offend anyone and I hope I don't."

A local merchant said "the flag controversy has helped business."

Throughout my interviewing, I found most people took a definite stand on what the flag meant to them. Usually they were emphatic and rarely open to compromise. As a young man told me, "I don't give a damn about that flag, it's the people I'm worried about." His friend concurred, "This flag waving doesn't solve anything."

Possibly the most logical answer I received was from a Woodcrest housewife who said, "The flag is representative of an idealistic state. Unfortunately the United States today is not a study in idealism."

From the interviews I realized the flag is a classic example of American's "communications gap." It appears that most people are content to take a stand regarding the question and be immune to the thoughts of anyone else.

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CONRAD CAPERS

Fall Yields Harvest Hoopla

by Mary Ann Jackson

Yoyos, report cards, and a bomb scare (November's extra added attraction) set the pace for this month's "gobble-gobble" competition between seniors, juniors, and sophs for the caper spotlight.

METER BEATER. Rumors have it that Mr. Hugh Patterson will be reported to the SPCS (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Students) for his famed and vicious meter stick beatings on his physics students.

WHO'S WHO in zoo land is Sche-shinkes, a 12-week-old possum, who was discovered by soph Lisa Wilson and made an honorary resident of the third floor biology lab by Mr. Wayne Von Stetten.

"LUNCH IS WAR" is the theme for Monday first lunches when General Edward Malin strategically advances his chemistry large group lecture session onto cafeteria lines for chair and table scramble combat.

ALLEY OOP. Martha Mitchell, Snoopy, and Mrs. Eva Milbouer are among nominees for the king, queen, and knight court of the 1970 Chess Team Homecoming.

EARLY SANTA. German chocolate cake and Halloween lollipops are among the goodies Mr. David Owen has awarded to his high-average senior English students.

HARD HEAD. Channel three on an office practice transcriber was literally knocked out of commission when senior Diane Thompson banged her head on the button during Miss Virginia Powell's first period class.

CAT STOWAWAY. Junior Peggy Carney managed to sneak a cat which she had found outside school in the rain to classes with only her art teacher Mr. Bayard Horn noticing the furry visitor.

GLORY MISSING. Mr. Raymond Cashel's homeroom didn't take the pledge of allegiance phrase "one nation indivisible" seriously until they rose to pledge to a blank wall one morning.

BOMBS AWAY. Blaring sirens and scurrying policemen failed to stir senior Tim Hanson and junior Mike Kelleher, who took advantage of the bomb scare outing time with a picnic sidewalk lunch.

GREEN BLAST. Mr. Lester C. Maurer was "Martian for a Day" after a chemistry class explosion which showered him with green powder.

SAFETY PINNED. Thanks to safety pins junior Sandy Patton was held securely together throughout the Mt. Pleasant football game after her band uniform mistakenly returned from the cleaners zipper-free.

FRENCH TERRORIST Robespierre, convicted of treason during the French Revolution, was acquitted by Miss Lucy Kendikian's honors class in their history-defying fourth period mock trial.

SHOW BIZ. During play practice in English class, theater manager David Williams threatened rising new star Tom "Little Masher" Mashington with the following advice. "Remember, Tom, if you don't do this right, I can take your name down from the lights as fast as I can put it up."

Psychologists and Therapists Bring Services to Conrad

by Mary Ann Jackson

Psychological counseling and speech and hearing therapy are two growing examples of pupil services offered to students in the Conrad Area School District.

These areas are part of a program called Pupil Personnel Service, encompassing guidance, transportation, and other student-oriented services.

Heading Pupil Personnel Service, Mr. Coleman Metzler, district administrative assistant, is responsible for the organization, planning, and supervision of services throughout the district.

The program begins its second year of consolidated operation this year with the addition of Mrs. Gael Clauson, speech therapist, and Mr. Mark Herbert Frantz, psychologist, to the traveling service team.

Veteran staff members include Miss Virginia Wallin, psychologist; Mrs. Marlys Kerr, speech-hearing therapist; and Miss Siham Shihade, visiting teacher. Miss Shihade handles contacts between the school, home, and outside agencies in areas such as truancy.

A 25-year psychology veteran, Mr. Frantz hopes to incorporate group therapy into Conrad psychological counseling this year.

Likening the group situation to television talk shows, Mr. Frantz said that in groups of four or five students can "talk it out." "With the group situation the pressure is not on any one individual," he said.

The type of group therapy will depend on the kinds of problems Conrad experiences, according to Mr. Frantz. At his last high school assignment in Allentown, drugs and alcohol were the major problems. He finds that with high schools most problems are on the emotional level.



Psychologist Mr. Mark Frantz (left) discusses Pupil Personnel Service with guidance counselor Mr. Paul Capodanno (center) and administrative assistant Mr. Coleman Metzler. Photo by Mary Ann Jackson.

Students receiving counseling are usually referred to a psychologist by a teacher, guidance counselor, school nurse or principal who notices anything irregular. But students may feel free to contact one of the psychologists on their own for a private visit if they think they have a problem, according to Mr. Frantz.

A pilot program concerning learning disabilities, being instituted in the elementary grades, is what brought Mr. Frantz to Wilmington. He is working with Miss Wallin on this nationwide experiment.

A learning disability is defined as an overall inability to learn, primarily affecting reading, writing, and arithmetic. "In most cases the cause is inadequate early visual training," Mr. Frantz said.

A learning disability has nothing to do with intelligence, sight, or any type of physical problem, according to Mr. Frantz. Figure discrimination inabilities and poor eye-hand coordination are the common effects of a learning disability.

Miss Wallin said that learning disability candidates can usually be cited by either their erratic behavior or academic problems.

A first visit with one of the psychologists would consist of discussion and testing. The results of these visits are then sent to the individual schools where action may be taken. "This gives them an insight into the problem," Miss Wallin said.

All students tested do not qualify in the learning disability category.

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Sociology Teacher Urges Youth to Reappraise Values

by Jim Broomall

"American youth have an important role in the re-evaluation of man," said Mr. C. John Strobel, sociology teacher.

Mr. Strobel feels that "man must make some important decisions regarding war, population, ecology, and the standard of living." "Our values have changed so drastically in the past ten years that a re-appraisal is necessary," he said.

Mr. Strobel is currently a member of the State Drug Leadership Training Team and recently attended the Drug Abuse Workshop.

"I think that education should be self-education, because a student's future is his personal decision," he said. "But the teacher has a responsibility to make it easy for the student to pursue his search for knowledge."

"When I present the curriculum to my students I ask myself if it will be worthwhile five years from now," he added.

Mr. Strobel attempts to make his students feel at ease. "I try to invoke humor into the class so as to break down the barrier between

teacher and student," he said.

Mr. Strobel's leisure time is spent traveling, reading, and gardening. A graduate of Gettysburg College, he has done graduate work in European history at Temple University.

Although he feels that the world

has major problems, Mr. Strobel is hopeful. "We must ask ourselves what we want," he said.

Future plans for Mr. Strobel include continuing in the field of education. "I enjoy what I'm doing, and teaching is creative," he concluded.



Mr. C. John Strobel prepares a film before his first period sociology class. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

Active Conradians Add Politics to Daily Chores

by Roxanne Ritchie

Many Conrad students turned to politics to supplement their daily activities over the past two months. These students campaigned for various candidates for the November 3 elections.

Three parties—the American, Democrat, and Republican — provided opportunities for students to learn campaigning processes while working for their candidates.

Seniors Bill Bryan, John Curlett, and junior John Duffy campaigned for the American Party.

Bill worked for his father, who ran for the House of Representatives in the Seventeenth District. Bill started in the party by working in the George Wallace presidential campaign over two years ago.

John Curlett campaigned for U.S. senatorial candidate, Don Gies. John feels we need a change, because the other two parties have been around too long. John also worked for George Wallace during the 1968 campaign.

Bill one day opened his door to a ring and found a campaigner for the opponent's party trying to sell him on that party's views. Bill heard the campaigner out, but he was not sold on the idea.

Senior Joan Cooper and junior

Cindy Beckley campaigned for John Dillman. Mr. Dillman, a former Conrad school board member, ran as the Republican candidate for the House of Representatives in the Eighteenth District.

Joan and Cindy decided to help campaign, because they were asked by Mr. Dillman and because "it is so much fun."

"We passed out literature, stickers, and buttons at all the meetings," Cindy said, "but mainly we're for show."

Junior Vicki Hawes, a campaigner for Mrs. Jean Merrill, Republican State Senate candidate, knocked at one door to find that she had walked into the headquarters of Mel Slawik, Mrs. Merrill's opponent.

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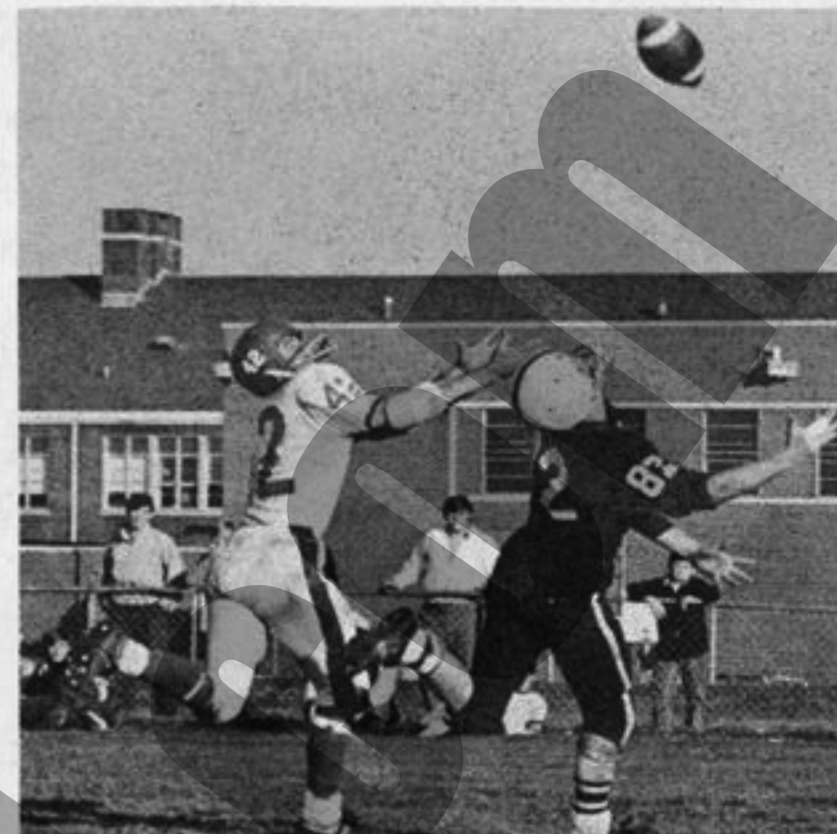
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John Previtera (83) clears a hole in Mt. Pleasant line for Ryan DeShong (22) as Joe Saggione (16) watches. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.



Conrad's Vic Ventresca lunges for Mt. Pleasant's John Jancuska. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.



Gary Nowell battles McKean opponent for the ball in the end zone. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.

Redskins, Rams to Continue Rivalry

The Conrad Redskins, now eliminated from the Blue Hen Conference race, will finish out their season with the traditional Thanksgiving Day contest against Dickinson. Coach Jim Pletcher's squad needs a victory in order to even its season's record at 4-4-2.

Conrad has dominated this series since its inception, winning eight of the ten games played so far.

Conrad suffered its second-worst defeat of the season at the hands of William Penn November 14.

After an even first half which ended with the Redskins holding an 8-6 lead, the Colonials came back to score three touchdowns and a safety in the second half and chalk-up a 28-8 victory.

The Redskins bounced back after

a tie and a loss to defeat McKean 16-12 on Homecoming Day, November 7.

The Highlanders started out as if they were going to run away with the game as Gary Anderson capped a 65-yard drive with a 35-yard touchdown run.

But defensive tackle Wayne Anderson blocked the point-after attempt, and, on the ensuing kick-off, sophomore defensive back Ron Janusz electrified the crowd by taking a hand-off from Ryan DeShong and going 83 yards for a score.

Nardo's fourth touchdown of the season combined with a Joe Saggione-to-Steve Warren pass gave the Redskins a 16-6 bulge in the third quarter. But a 15-yard run by

Randy White with 6:39 left in the game brought McKean back within four points of the lead, and the Highlanders appeared to have the game cinched when, minutes later, they recovered a fumble on the Conrad 27.

A play later, however, White fumbled away a pitchout and Tom Mashington recovered on the 34. The Redskins then ran out the clock to record their third victory of the season.

Conrad didn't fare so well the previous week against league-leading Brandywine, as the Bulldogs, who always seem to give the Redskins a tough time, prevailed 22-6.

Craig Trostle scored twice and Clark Kingery once for Brandy-

wine, which iced the game by scoring 16 points in the final quarter.

Two long passes to Val Troiani on trick plays snatched a victory from Conrad in the Mount Pleasant game October 24.

The Redskins were leading 8-0 in the fourth quarter when the Green Knights stunned the defense with a "flea-flicker" play—a long pass following a double reverse and lateral—which resulted in a 45-yard touchdown.

Conrad bounced back to take a 14-6 lead with less than two minutes remaining. But, after the ensuing kick-off, the Knights quickly drove to the Conrad 38, and again pulled the "flea-flicker" with exactly the same result. They also succeeded on the two-point play to knot the final score at 14-14.

It was the second time this season that the Redskins have tied 14-14 (the other stand-off was against Christiana September 26).

Soccer Team Places Third In Blue Hen Conference

Conrad's soccer team finished third in the Blue Hen Conference following a defeat by Concord. A tie for second place necessitated a play-off to decide which team would take second place. First-place Brandywine and second-place Con-

cord will represent the Blue Hen conference in the State Tournament.

Concord's loss to Brandywine caused the tie and thus the play-off game. It was decided by tossing a coin that the game would be played

on the field at Brandywine.

Neither team scored in the first half of this battle. The second half brought two goals scored by Concord making the final score 2-0.

Coach Ned Landis feels that since their loss to Milford the team has improved. A few changes were made and he feels this caused the team to take on a winning attitude.

The booters went on to beat Christiana 4-1, and Newark 3-1. Conrad literally swamped Delcastle in the pouring rain on a flooded field by a score of 2-0.

This year's record in the Blue Hen Conference was 5-3-0 and the team's overall record was 6-7-0.

The varsity team consisted of seniors Dean Burrows, Ed Polaski, Bill Sanner, Bill Bryan, Chuck Rhoades, John Simmons, Roberto Palermo, and Wayne Jackson; juniors were Bob Mays, Bob Kelley, Rob Furness, Shank McCorkle, Bud Finney, Nelson Smith, and Mike Ward.

Conrad's final third-place position is the highest a Redskin soccer team has ever finished.

Yale Downs Dartmouth In Soccer Tourney Finals

Undefeated Yale beat Dartmouth 1-0 to win this year's intramural soccer tournament. Larry Bosick scored the winning goal with only five seconds left in the first half. Other members of the Yale Team, all sophomores, are Don Archer, Rick Black, Rick Davis, Jim Ftizsimmons, Bob Galbraith, Mark Gilbert, George Hutnyar, Mike Netta, Sal Onesi, Earl Parker, Bill Pendleton, Bill Roberts, Rick Sanders, and Rick Strazzella.

The soccer intramurals started with eight teams, but after a double-elimination tournament, this was brought down to a final play-off between Yale, from the winners bracket, and Dartmouth from the losers bracket.

The touch football and tennis doubles intramural tournaments are just now getting underway. An indoor archery tournament is expected to begin by Thanksgiving with a turkey as first prize, according to Mr. Arthur Craig and Mr. Paul Eyanson, directors.

According to Mr. Eyanson, this year's intramural program is working well with a large number of par-

ticipants and only a few forfeits. "We're ahead of last year, in that we already have the tennis tournament going," said Mr. Eyanson.

Other possible innovations in this year's intramural program include softball, expanding the track and field competition to include the upperclassmen, and possibly a gymnastics tournament on an individual basis.

This year the intramural advisers would like to have all the winter indoor championships on the same day if possible.

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Cross-Country Coach Looks To 'Next Year'

Next cross-country season is nearly 10 months away, but Coach David Williams can hardly wait. With seven of his top eight runners returning, the outlook is "rosy."

Juniors Bernie Doherty, Mike Manlove, and super soph Preston Jennings lead the pack of returning veterans. Other returning varsity members are sophomores John Murray and Daniel Talmo and junior Mike Kelleher.

Sophomore Dave Bair, who keyed an upset victory over Mount Pleasant with his eleventh place finish, was forced to yield to a sickbed after that meet.

"We lost Dave to mononucleosis," said Coach Williams, "but he'll be back on the varsity doing well again next year."

In addition juniors Jim Bryner and Mike Goldsmith and sophomore Brett O'Neill will try to come up from the JV team, which posted a 6-2 record.

Senior captain Bob Gilmour led the barriers to several victories after a shaky start.

Coach Williams said, "Bob's consistently good performance, week in and week out, with several first place finishes, was a big factor in our winning season."

Gilmour set new school records on different courses in the last three dual season meets. The records are 12:58 at William Penn against William Penn, 11:19 at Rockford Park against Wilmington, and 12:20 at Banning against McKean.

The meets with William Penn and Wilmington were won by scores of 19-42 and 20-35 respectively. Against McKean the Redskins fell 25-30. These races left the harriers with a final 5-win, 4-loss record.

In the state meet at Polly Drummond Hill, the team finished a disappointing seventh. Gilmour and Manlove took nineteenth and thirty-first place respectively.

While no official team scores were recorded in the Blue Hen Conference meet, the runners gave, according to Coach Williams, a "commendable performance."

Trophies were won by Gilmour for his sixth place finish and by Manlove for fourteenth place.

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'DIAL' Opens Way For Drug Information

"To be helped, any addict must come to the decision that he needs help and wants it. An addict, in my opinion, cannot really be helped until he is ready. I have met many persons who were not ready—fortunately, I have met many more who were!" These are the encouraging words of Steve Hambright, former coordinator for DIAL, or Drug Information Action Line.

Initiated by the Governor's Committee on Drug Abuse and the YMCA, DIAL's purpose is to provide a telephone contact for persons who have a concern about drug abuse, although many calls range in subject from unwed mothers to someone who "just wants to talk." One caller needed help in preparing a meat loaf!

DIAL is jointly sponsored and operated by the YMCA Branches, The Jewish Community Center, the YWCA, Aldersgate Methodist Youth Services Commission, the

Delaware Division Hospital, The Children's Aid Society, and numerous individuals.

The DIAL volunteer's job is to listen, try to understand and get a feel for the caller's concern, and to provide the action or information needed by the caller.

As co-ordinator, Steve Hambright was responsible for staffing, recruiting volunteers, seeking funds, and gaining professional help. Doctors, psychologists, lawyers, counselors, social workers, and various agencies provide the professional back-up.

When asked if he thought DIAL was a success so far, Steve said, "DIAL was successful if it helped one person. I feel one should never be content with just being successful. DIAL needs work, improvement, and personal interest on the part of those involved."

For those who are interested, DIAL's number is 738-5555.

Social Studies Face Changes

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pects to incorporate the project materials as they are completed. Major, full-class units should be in class use no later than January.

Mr. Poole said that the basic units are a series of primary source materials which "focus on an issue and make it clear."

"We're trying to get away from all the writing," said Mrs. Mabrey, "by using charts, movies, tapes, role playing, etc."

Units on U.S. housing, the rise of post Civil War business, the growth of industry and public policy, changing concepts of general welfare and taxation, comparative spending, and colonization are due to be completed later.

The units are prepared so that the teacher is free to use as much or as

little of the material as he feels is necessary. "There is no set way of doing this material," said Mr. Poole. "It is completely flexible. It can be stretched for months or done in a day."

If the project works out well in practice, Mrs. Mabrey hopes it will become the basis for a whole new social studies curricula.

Instead of attacking classes by subject, such as world history, American history, or social problems, she said that learning can be organized around topics or units.

Each grade level would be assigned units to cover. With the program's flexibility, students will be able to cover required material more relevantly throughout their high school years, according to Mrs. Mabrey.

7-4 Record In Conference Volleyball Team Boasts

The girls' volleyball team ended its season with a surprising 7-4 record.

After dropping four of their first five games, the varsity team came back to win their last six. "The team benefited from losing four of their first five games," said Coach Mary Jane Weldin. "It gave them an incentive to win."

The highlight of the season was the 2-1 victory over A.I. duPont, the last game of the season. The varsity lost their first game, but came back to win the second game.

On the third and deciding game, Conrad was losing 5-11 when junior Mary Wisniewski stepped up to serve. Mary served the game out and led the team to a 2-1 win. Long volleys, good high bumps, well placed spikes, and blocks contributed to the win.

The team lost to William Penn 0-2, but that loss was their last. They then broke loose on a winning streak that continued to the end of the season. They defeated McKean 2-0, Claymont 2-0, Dickinson 2-1, De La Warr 2-0, Gunning Bedford 2-1, and A.I. DuPont 2-1.

The JV team never made it off the ground. They ended their season with a 0-11 record.

The JV team included: seniors



Marcia Tjaden (left) and Patty C. Barnes (right) are hopeful as Mary Wisniewski returns volley to A. I. DuPont team. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.

Sue Kramer, Jackie Nicoletti, Darlene Radel, and Cindy Short; junior Nini Joyce; and sophomores Ellen Brady, Jean Croze, Elaine Drozdowski, Gail George, Debbie Gray, Lawren Jones, Barbara Marcinis-

zyn, and Daralice Pilli.

Mrs. Weldin feels that the team should be good next year because of returning veterans. The team ended the season festively with a party at Mrs. Weldin's house.

Senior Science Sees Revisions

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next year a student will probably have had to decide on a project by the first day of school or be dropped from the course."

He said that the teachers involved with the program are "in a bind right now, because they don't know what the students are going to do."

The two teachers who have been doing most of the advisory work on the course so far also have opinions on how it might be improved.

Mr. Patterson believes the program will work out "if enough time is allotted for it to be handled properly." Elaborating, he said that he feels the course would be better

if it were given as an assigned single period in addition to the independent-study program.

"I think the course will be a reflection on the students' own acceptance of responsibility," he said. "This course will show their individual initiative for real work."

Mr. Malin considers senior advanced science to be "an excellent idea, because it allows a student to work on his own, without having to rely on a teacher."

However, he thinks it could be improved if, in addition to the project work, it also offered some "mini-courses."

"What we ought to do," he explained, "is, instead of giving complete freedom of choice, to offer prepared packets of learning materials on various scientific subjects, such as genetics or qualitative analysis."

"The students would still have freedom of choice in their project work, and, at the same time, they would be able to increase their knowledge in many different scientific areas."

Psychologists Bring Services

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Emotional and intelligence problems may be the case. Fifteen classes have been set up throughout the district to meet students' needs in the areas involving learning disabilities, emotional and social problems, and the educable mentally retarded.

With the addition of Mr. Frantz, Miss Wallin expects an enlargement of psychological services. This year for the first time the psychologists are working directly with the teachers handling the special classes.

A 34-year veteran in the field of psychology, Miss Wallin began work in 1934 when psychological services were still in the pioneering stage on the state level.

These services have since spread to the counties and individual school districts. Speech and hearing therapy was a later branch of this service.

Beginning therapist Mrs. Clauson brings speech therapy to Conrad Wednesday mornings.

Mrs. Clauson works with approximately 15 Conradians, who were tested and split into homogeneous groups according to their particular speech problem.

She finds that 85 percent of her speech cases are articulation (substitution of sounds) problems; 10 percent, stuttering; and 5

percent, cleft palate and mixed problems.

Discussion and therapy make up the 20-30 minute group sessions. Mrs. Clauson said that these problems, which are mainly environmental or emotional, should be caught when the students are young.

"It's hard on the older level unless there is cooperation and caring on the students' part," she said. Mrs. Clauson has found both cooperation and great attitudes here at Conrad.

Mr. Metzler foresees an overall improvement in many of the Pupil Personnel Services with this year's fully-staffed team. Elementary guidance and an expansion of psychological studies with emotional and social problems are two of his hopes for Pupil Personnel Service in the future.



Sheila West (left), Donna McBride (center) and Becky Collins chase ball toward goal cage in A.I. DuPont game. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.

Coach Robinson Cites Inexperience As Problem

Winning seemed to be a problem that the hockey team never conquered as they ended the season with a 3-7-1 record.

Coach Miss Joan Robinson had one consolation. "The team is young, and they have shown a lot of improvement," she said. "We will have a good team next year."

Junior Becky Collins was high scorer for the season with four goals. Senior Donna McBride was second with three goals.

The team was defeated by William Penn 1-2, Dickinson 0-3, and A.I. duPont 0-1. They defeated Claymont 4-2 and Gunning Bedford 2-0. They tied McKean 2-2.

Captain Tish Wolskee suffered a broken collarbone in the Claymont game, which the team went on to win 4-2. Tish was sidelined for the remainder of the season.

The JV team ended with a 7-2-2 record. Considering the JV team record and the fact that the varsity team consists of mostly juniors and sophomores, the outlook for next season is certainly good.

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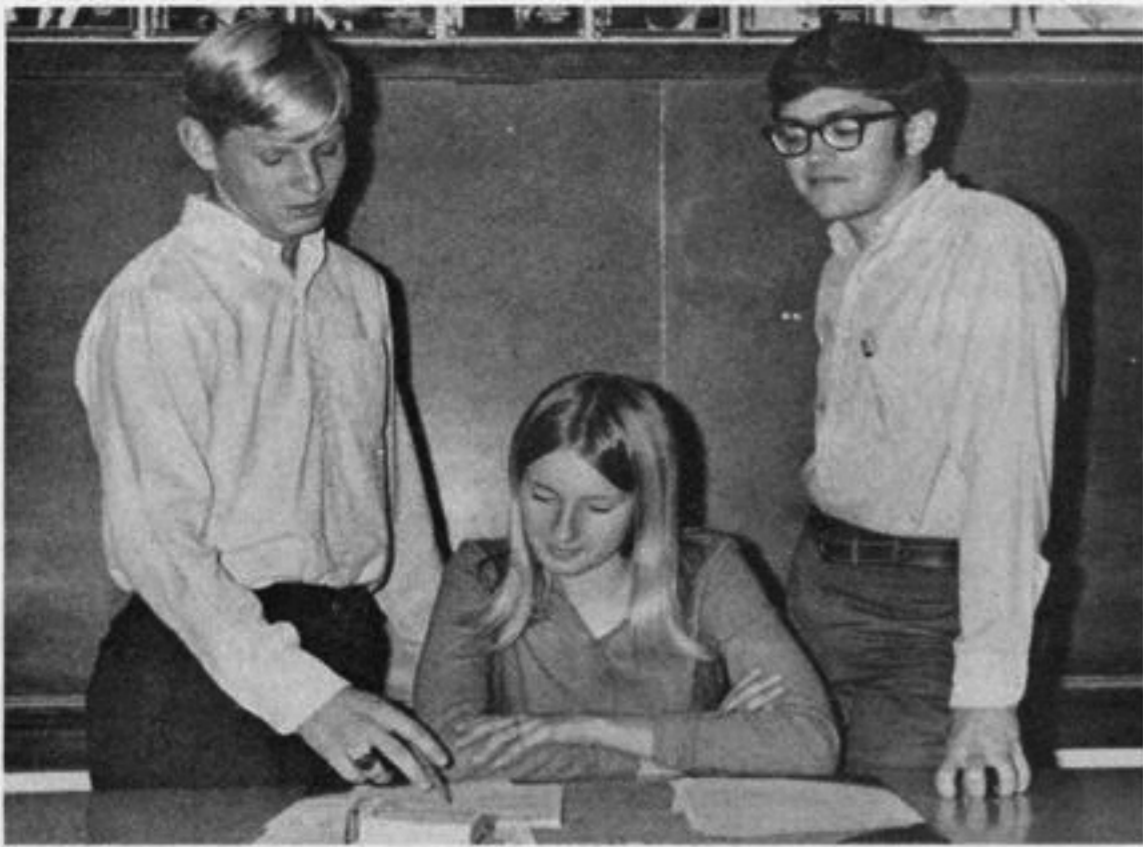
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Newly-elected senior class officers are left to right: Ed Polaski, president; Lorrine Grodzicki, secretary; and Keith Irwin, vice-president. Absent from picture is treasurer Bernie Sparco. Photo by Janice Armento.



Newly-elected junior class officers are left to right: Cindy Beckley, secretary; Kevin Coogan, president; Debbie Hilyard, vice-president; and Nini Joyce, treasurer. Photo by Gordon Gawronski.



Newly-elected sophomore class officers are Gary Lafferty (standing, left), vice-president; Mark Comegys (standing, right), president; Susan Geary (seated, left), treasurer; and Joanne Celano, secretary. Photo by Roxanne Ritchie.

Yearbook To Extend Sales

"We are definitely going to have a yearbook," said Mr. David Owen, yearbook adviser, this week.

He went on to say, however, that the size of the yearbook will be governed by the amount of money raised by subscriptions. He said length could range anywhere from 20 to 150 pages.

At press time the student store had received \$250. Money raised

from patron sales was \$146.

Mr. Owen closed with a warning Wednesday is the last day for ordering yearbooks. "We are only ordering as many yearbooks as are sold," he said. "There will be no chance to buy them at the end of the year."

The student store is closing the books on required initial \$2 down-payments on yearbooks at the end of school Wednesday

News-in-Brief

Council Seeks Open Lunch

Open-door lunch periods, constitutional revisions and a canned goods drive are among the issues facing Student Council in the next few weeks.

The constitution committee, headed by parliamentarian Ellen Haden, has almost completed the new constitution.

Although Ellen wrote most of the constitution herself, the committee aided in ironing out the details. Before the constitution goes into effect, the students' approval will be necessary.

A canned goods drive, headed by senior Jean Boyd and the charity committee, will be held after Thanksgiving for the benefit of needy people in the Newport area.

The possibility of allowing seniors to leave school during lunch is being looked into by a newly organized committee headed by Janice Armento.

JA MAKES IT HAPPEN

Beer mugs, glasses, hurricane lamps, and first-aid kits are a few of the things being made at the Junior Achievement Central at 11th and Washington Streets in Wilmington.

Students from Conrad, Wilmington High School, Friends, and McKean meet at the JA Central from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. one night a week to make these products and learn the fundamentals of a corporate business.

Hisco, one of the businesses set up by JA members, deals with making beer mugs out of whiskey bottles. Junior Debbie Hayes, Hisco corporate secretary, explains how the beer mugs are made.

"First we collect the whiskey bottles from taverns and liquor stores.

Then we cut the necks off the bottles with a hot wire and sand down the edges. Then redwood handles are attached, and the glass is fire-polished to smooth the edges."

Hisco advisers are employees from the plastics department of the DuPont Company. During the first three meetings, the advisers help the members to pick a company and elect officers.

These officers are then trained and stocks are set up. When the company is prepared, the advisers let members run the company and help them if problems arise.

Other JA members from Conrad are junior Linda Webster and sophomores Phila Henderson and Donna Huff.

BOOKS PLEASE!

Mr. Howard Work and Mrs. Eleanor Dill, English teachers, have set up room libraries to initiate reading.

They are asking communities in the Conrad Area School District to help out in stocking the room libraries. If you have any unwanted books, paperback or bound, which you do not want, please see that they find their way to Conrad.

Books of interest to students will be used to stock the English classes. Books that cannot be used by Conrad will be sent to U.S. soldiers in Vietnam.

MURPHY HEADS BIO-CHEM

Junior David Murphy was elected president of the Bio-chem Club October 22 and senior Kevin Casey was elected vice president.

Studying the ability of fish to adapt to changes in salinity is one project being worked on now.

School Board News

New Office Building Planned



Land for the new Conrad Area School District Office has been sighted on Boxwood Road near General Motors across from Huber's Nursery, according to District Superintendent Leon B. Elder.

The board has to await contract signing and rezoning before building is begun. Plans call for a two-story building with a parking area for approximately 50 cars.

A band festival for all district junior high schools is planned for March 17-19. The board approved \$900 for the band project. Band students from the Krebs, Oak Grove, and Richardson Park junior highs will be rated for efficiency by a judge from the Penn State University.

Composed of the best-rated band members in the district, a 100-piece

band will perform in a concert March 19 at Conrad.

Money was also provided for the maintenance of driver ed cars. Formerly a function of the state, this responsibility has now been handed over to the school districts.

The board has changed its policy requiring users of school buildings, who charge admission to their functions, to take out liability insurance. The board is leaving the decision to the building users, according to Mr. Elder

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Sophomores Frances Stoneberger and Rosemarie McKelvey are working on this experiment.

The club has obtained a LaMotte pollution testing kit which will enable members to check the pollution levels of streams and rivers in the area.

OREADS ELECT HADEN

Senior Ellen Haden was elected president of Oreads at a meeting October 27 Other officers elected were Karen Jones, vice president; Kathy Grimes, secretary; and Karen Dabson, treasurer

Oreads is a girls' honor society. To qualify for membership, a student must have at least a "B" in all major subjects. Miss Mildred Morrison, faculty adviser, checks grades for eligibility each semester

Their profits are used to sponsor a foster child overseas. Oreads tries to send the child \$190 a year

Elenita Torrente, a twelve-year old girl from the Philippines, is the current foster child.

FILIPKOWSKI LEADS ART CLUB

The Art Club, in an attempt to get away from the usual style of club organization, elected no officers this year. However, junior Bob Filipkowski was chosen to lead the weekly meetings. Art teacher Mr. Bayard Horn is the club faculty adviser.

In line with their reorganization, the Art Club plans to include more activities this year with field trips in the future. A one-day excursion to either Philadelphia or New York City to visit art museums is tentatively planned.

CHOIR TO PRESENT CONCERT

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen Collins, will present a concert at Christ Methodist Church December 6 at 7 p.m.

The 37-member group will attend the Choir Festival at the University of Delaware, December 15. Choirs from all over New Castle County will be represented.

Try-outs for All-State Choir will be held December 5 at Delaware State College. Any choir member can try out. Several Conradians are expected to attend.

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